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News Release

SHELBYVILLE WOMAN CHARGED WITH WORKERS' COMP FRAUD ***Allegedly worked while receiving benefits for injury***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 10, 2007) – A Shelbyville woman has been charged with insurance fraud as a result of collecting more than \$3,000 in workers' compensation benefits. She told her employer she was unable to work after an accident but allegedly worked as a phlebotomist at a local hospital while drawing benefits.

Tanya Garitty, 38, was charged with one felony count of insurance fraud. If found guilty, she faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a fine of \$10,000.

A pre-trial conference date is set for Jan. 22 in Jefferson Circuit Court. The Kentucky Office of Insurance pursued the case.

Insurance fraud costs Americans at least \$80 billion each year, or nearly \$950 per family, according to the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud.